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**MOUNTED VOLUNTEER PATROL**
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Volunteers-In-Parks



FAQ

How many people are involved with the MVP?
As of December 2006, there are 30 active MVP members.

Who oversees the MVP?
The MVP works in conjunction with the National Park Service, California State Parks, and the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority.

Why are so many organizations involved in the management of the MVP?
Because of a cooperative agreement between the three agencies, we patrol on parklands administered by federal, state, and local park agencies.

What is the MVP's goal?
The MVP mission is to enhance visitor experience and safety during stays in the parks. We do this by providing a readily visible and approachable presence via mobile and stationary patrols.

Do MVP members have peace officer status?
No. We are volunteer employees of the various park agencies and have no law enforcement authority. While it is part of our duties to encourage and exact visitor compliance with a park's rules and regulations, we are neither empowered nor equipped to cite or arrest, only to observe and report any violations to the appropriate authorities via radio.

What training does an MVP candidate receive?
Each MVP member is certified by the National Park Service, California State Parks, and the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority and receives extensive training in first aid, CPR, radio use, trail etiquette, park philosophy, and interpretive and historical information.

If I have a compliment or complaint about an experience I've had with an MVP member, to whom should I send it?
Send any correspondence by email to admin@samo-vip.org.

In what parks do you patrol?
Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyons and Paramount Ranch in Agoura Hills; Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve and Malibu Creek State Park in Calabasas; Happy Camp in Moorpark; Malibu Creek

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State Park in Calabasas; Circle X Ranch in Malibu; Point Mugu State Park in Malibu; Topanga Canyon State Park in Topanga; Will Rogers State Historical Park in Pacific Palisades; Zuma/Trancas Canyons in Malibu. For more details, see the home page and look for the patrol sites link.

I visit the parks regularly. Why is it I only rarely see MVP members on patrol?

While many MVP members patrol on weekdays and weekends in parklands throughout the Santa Monica Mountains, it's easy to see that with such vast park systems, our patrols can only cover a small percentage of territory. But we're out there. Just keep your eyes open for us in our khaki uniform shirts and black & yellow helmet covers.

If I'm interested in joining the MVP who do I contact?

You may contact National Park Service Volunteer Program Manager Mike Malone at 805-370-2317 or Mike_Malone@nps.gov

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